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Campus radio station seeks advanced production

Steve Annear
Contributing Writer

Six members of the WQRI Executive Board (E-Board) sat around a rectangular table with notebooks in hand and ideas on their minds on a recent Wednesday night in the RWU Rec Center, ready to discuss the week's upcoming events.

Ana Dabrowski, general manager of WQRI, RWU's radio station, sat at the head of the table with her student colleagues gathered around and initiated the conversation about fresh ideas for the station's future.

The E-Board members have been working diligently with student committees and advisors to bring new and innovative promotions, music and exposure to the station for the com-

ing semester, and the future of WQRI. They have been putting their ideas together to open up the station to the community more, and reach out to the students of RWU.

"Next semester we will be out on campus more, we will be in the quad with live music, and we will be sponsoring events," said Kristin Harris, who is the WQRI promotions director. "I want it to be that you can't walk on this campus more than five feet without hearing WQRI or seeing some sign for WQRI. I want it to be everywhere, and I want it to be in the students' faces."

To help promote student and community awareness of the RWU radio station, the E-Board has been propos-

ing new ideas such as a Street Team, an Associated Press news source for DJs on the air, and a Web site that could be accessed across the country, allowing anyone to listen to the show's broadcast.

"We have the Web site coming out next semester as well," said WQRI program director Dave Scholten. "Basically you listen to WQRI on your computer. Anyone with Internet access could listen. It'll be weird though because we have to think about how we won't just be speaking to people in Rhode Island anymore. But by having this Web site, I guess we are just trying to reach for those kids who wouldn't usually listen to WQRI."

With these enhancements, it would set U ahead of other col-

leges in the area like Salve Regina, whose radio station, WSRU, is only broadcast on campus through a cable channel. It would also put the University in line with other college radio stations in Rhode Island that have already established this sort of Web site capability, such as the University of Rhode Island's WRIU extends its networking to connect Connecticut and Massachusetts. URI's station has easy access to the college radio Web site 24-hours-a-day, and WQRI hopes to have this same potential next semester with the expansion of their new Web site and Street Team.

"We will make up flyers in a packet and hand them out with the Street Team. Basically they will list all the different

shows and their time slots. The Street Team is brand new, they tried to start it last year but it sort of fell through, but I refuse to graduate in May unless the Street Team is successful and it carries on next year," Harris said.

"I'd love to see the Promotions Street Team get a lot of people involved," said Dabrowski, "or anyone from the University to get involved."

This sort of motivation is what has kept the E-Board on task and ready to brainstorm new ways of reaching out to the students of the University. All of their ideas have been based around getting new students involved and interested in the programs the station has to offer, such as the availability

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Housing 2005: The Extra Value Meal

Lottery grants super-sized rooms to volunteer students

Blaine Moffa
Editor

In four weeks, students will be stepping up to the housing tables and placing their requests. Except this year, a member of Team CARE may ask if you would like to "super size" that order. And, ironically, you can say yes.

Housing 2005, dutifully dubbed "There's No Place Like Home," expects a full occupancy report after lottery night on March 23. This year, Department of Student Life (DSL) is giving students the opportunity to include the "odd man out."

On a strictly volunteer basis, DSL is allowing students to pull an extra person into specified rooms. In Bayside and Almeida, a fifth roommate is allowed to be pulled into all quads (in Almeida, in the bigger bedroom, and in

Bayside, in the right bedroom, by default choice). In Stonewall, Almeida and Baypoint, a triple will be allowed in double-style rooms; however, Stonewall will only have select rooms chosen based on square footage, since some areas are not conducive to housing an additional student.

The perks of such a move seem three-fold.

"Have you ever had a bunch of friends that couldn't get into a quint because there's so few of them and they get chosen first?" asked Tony Montefusco, Director of Housing. "Well, this can help."

Second, "super sizing" will create more open rooms for perspective sophomores who often get shut out of Stonewall and Baypoint, the two dorms Montefusco

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Students gathered around the tables at last year's housing lottery. On March 23, DSL is giving students the opportunity to "super size" quads or doubles by pulling in an extra person. This move, Director of Housing Tony Montefusco says, will save money and space.

Allison Deyo



Chris Villano
Contributing Writer

From Providence, with love

"Subtleties of life: 'That Guy'"

So check it out.

I've got this crazy idea in my head lately that it is impossible to avoid being "that guy."

Wait, let me back-track a bit.

The phrase "don't be that guy" is a relatively new one to me. It only became part of my collective lexicon (stole that from Chappelle in

For example, if you're hanging out with an odd number of friends and you order a pizza, whoever grabs the last slice is instantly transformed into "that guy." If class is three minutes from ending and the professor asks "Any questions?" the person who raises their hand and asks a dumb question is "that guy." Remember, the only stupid question is the

because he's usually your friend and puts you in the uncomfortable position of being "that guy who asked you to pay him back because he didn't trust you." And most of us are conscious of the "that guy" rules and find it extremely hard to break them.

Now this brings me to my initial point: it's really freakin' hard to avoid being "that guy."

guy" rules, you are absolved of any resentment by your peers.

In fact, there is a fine example of this method used by yours truly just a few paragraphs ago.

Notice how I dropped the phrase "collective lexicon" in the opening, but made sure to acknowledge I stole it from Dave Chappelle? I had to do this, because I'm not going to be "that guy

By acknowledging your awareness of the "that guy" rules, you are absolved of any resentment by your peers.

an interview for *High Times*) once I came to college. As soon as I heard it, I instantly fell in love.

For those of you familiar with this term (professors), it could be a slightly difficult concept to grasp, so I'll do my best to sum it

Think about someone who commits the most clueless, careless, tasteless, oblivious and/or ridiculous, act in any given scenario—and you've got "that guy."

It doesn't always have to be blatant either, "that guy" can operate below the radar just as easily.

one that turns you into "that guy," so shut up and go check Blackboard.

Before our very eyes "that guy" continues to adapt and infect more of the general populous. The worst kind of "that guy" is the one that hurts you monetarily and under the guise of a trustworthy friend. This guy will constantly be in short supply of cash and always request that you loan him small amounts (which at the time seem trivial and easily forgotten) making it easier for "that guy" to get away with not paying you back. I say this is the worst kind of "that guy"

However, all is not lost and there are ways to avoid this unnecessary predicament.

The simplest method is merely to acknowledge when you find yourself acting in any way, shape or form that could be associated with the defining characteristics of "that guy."

Back to the pizza example. If there's only one slice left and you really want that slice, feel free to go for it—after you announce, "I don't want to be 'that guy' but I'm going to grab the last slice." By acknowledging your awareness of the "that

who uses big words in the paper just to make himself seem better than you." I don't expect anyone to know the definition of "lexicon." Hell, I'm not even sure if I'm using it right.

Wait, I just had a realization.

By acknowledging that I used this method to avoid becoming "that guy," did I just cancel it out and become a whole new kind of "that guy?"

Man, life is hard; I just wrote 700 words about "that guy."

Editor's Desk

So Monday's schedule is on Wednesday, which means that Blaine has left Tim and I alone in the office to write the editor's desk.

Unfortunately, neither of us particularly care about this right now. See, I have two papers and a group project due (which I hate), and Tim's been waiting for his check from Payroll for about three weeks—he has \$1.50 in his bank account and he's just a little bit cranky.

To add insult to injury, he's working on an article about the "fat Dutch boy" (apparently it's an Internet video that's worked its way onto CNN and MTV), and he won't stop singing the song.

So we did a little research. The "Dutch kid" is actually a 19-year-old from New Jersey—and he's singing a Romanian pop song. Personally, I think it's irritating, but Tim thinks it's hilarious, so go check it out.

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Blaine will be back next week. We know you miss her as much as we do.

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Police Beat

Tuesday, February 15, at 11:47 p.m.:
A larceny is reported from the Guard Shack.

Wednesday, February 16, at 7:14 p.m.:
An anonymous male advised of a possible robbery at King Philip.

Friday, February 18, at 9:04 a.m.:
Katherine Carroll, 22, of 11 Kenny Dr., Warren, RI, was charged with false representation to obtain a controlled substance and controlled substance conspiracy.

Saturday, February 20, at 1:17 a.m.:
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Letters From Across the Pond

I'll be the first to admit that I love royalty. Along with most of America, I'm obsessed with it. Since I've been in London for so long, I consider myself a "Brit," and therefore the royals are now as important to me as if I were a true citizen of this country. So, let's get down to business here...

Prince Charles is getting married! And I think I speak for all of Britain when I say: thank goodness Camilla Parker Bowles will never be crowned queen. After the wedding on April 8, she will be Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall, and when Prince Charles succeeds his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, she will become the Princess Consort.

Now, as a "citizen," it is my duty to read *The Times* (not to be confused with, but can be considered as good as, *The New York Times*) watch the news and partake in my politics' class discussions on London's current events. Although I am still getting used to

British news rather than American news, I will say that the BBC is much better than its American counterpart.

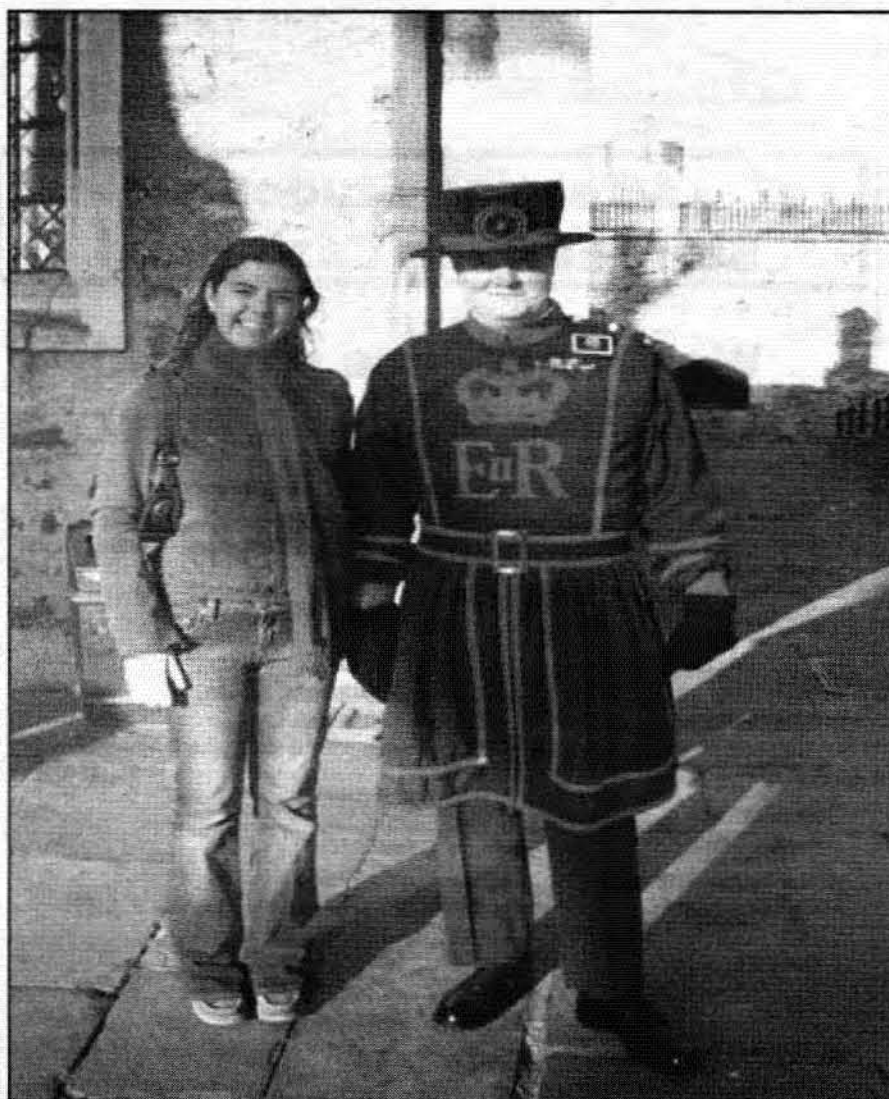
I have been engulfed with the political elections that are to be held in May, which will determine if the Labours will reign again or if the Conservatives can beat out their long-standing competitors. The royal wedding has people talking the same amount, if not more, than the possibility of Tony Blair being defeated. However, having a royal wedding while I will still be living in London does excite me, and so does the upcoming election.

These two events, and the possibility that the 2012 Olympics will be held in London, have consumed the city. The newspapers and TV news channels cannot get enough of Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, Michael Howard and all members of the royal family, including those who defame World War II. I have learned that although our government works differently from Britain's, we took their best parts and

reformed them for ourselves, with the exception of the monarchy and the addition of America's own treasured Constitution.

In Britain, election dates are not set in stone. There is a minimum of three and a half years but a maximum of five; therefore, the ruling party can call an election anytime during those years. There are only eight weeks allotted for campaigning one's party, because the public does not vote for a Prime Minister. They vote for a party, whose members will elect a Prime Minister (which is similarly categorized to America's President).

However, the second-hand-man is not known as the vice-prime minister, for that does not exist, but has the title of Exchequer. In the coming elections this is only important, and slightly controversial, because the current Exchequer, Gordon Brown, is hoping to beat out Blair, which would, and already has, caused a major stir in London. The other big controversy is, the opposing party



Communications student Tracey Lemle outside the Beefeater restaurant in downtown London.

(the Conservatives, unlike Blair and Brown who represent the Labour party) has a wish candidate, Michael Howard, hoping to win. Surprisingly, his appointment would alter legislative adjustments because of the anti-Semitism that surrounds this country, and lack of a previous Jewish leader, who will in turn be helping to run the Church of England.

That's right, Prince Harry can wear Nazi

costumes but Michael Howard cannot be Prime Minister without causing a great stir in Parliament and the rest of Great Britain, proving that the London Bridge really IS falling down, but it is not taking the Berlin Wall with it.

With lots of political talk and scandalous royal family chatter, (for two out of the three current Princes directly in line for the throne) and hundreds of Olympics signs lining the streets

and underground stations, London is buzzing with excitement. Although it still functions, is it better than America's system? Luckily, democracy succeeds in both guises, but all I can say is, I'm thrilled to be here to experience it all, especially after, what I think and most Britons agree, was a very disappointing last U.S. election. Until next time, CHEERS!

To the Editor:

This is in response to Tim Mannion's so-called "article" he wrote for the Feb. 12 edition of *the Hawk's Herald*. To me, this is not an article but a place where he can whine and complain about how sick he is of New England teams winning championships. Is his life that boring that he needs to sit and bitch about the Patriots winning their third Super Bowl in four years? This is why so many New Englanders hate the New York fan base—because of this type of article. He seems to forget that almost every New York team has won or been very successful in its lifetime. God forbid Boston wins a few championships. Before the Pats won in 2002, the last championship team that Boston had seen was the 1986 Celtics, and for people my age (23), we were only five at the time and do not remember that era. But it seems that Tim, and the rest of the NY fan base, has forgotten that the Giants won a Super Bowl in 1990. How about the Rangers winning the Stanley Cup in 1994? Or do I even need to mention the dynasty of the Yankees, when they won the World Series in '96, '98, '99 and 2000? I doubt anyone from New England wrote an article in the school newspaper whining like a school girl about how good the Yankees were.

Tim, you need to get a life and learn how to enjoy sports. Yes, I dislike a lot of New York sports teams, but I can't think of a better time in my life to watch these games than with fans from the opposing teams and debate and argue about why our teams are better. You need to lighten up, crack a beer during a game (not a Pepsi) and watch the games with friends.

Sincerely,
Billy Leaver, 2005

Note: Due to the recent influx of Letters to the Editors, we are now enforcing a 700-word limit on future submissions. For any letters that exceed this limit, the Herald reserves the right to refuse publication, or edit content to fit the space provided.

89,000 to lose Pell Grants

Jason Moll
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(U-WIRE) PULLMAN, Wash. The U.S. Education Department announced it will update the formula used to determine student needs for financial aid.

The changes will make 89,000 students nationwide lose their Pell Grants and another 1.3 million students see a Pell Grant reduction, according to the American Council on Education, a private organization representing public and private schools.

"The formula change is most likely to impact students who are receiving a minimum Pell Grant (\$400) this year," said Wayne Sparks,

director of Student Financial Aid at WSU. "Those student will likely not receive any Pell Grant for 2005-2006."

Students from the lowest income families (below \$15,000 per year) will see no change in their Pell Grant for 2005-2006. Students from low and middle-income families (from \$15,000 to \$45,000) will probably see a reduction in their Pell Grant of \$200 to \$300 for 2005-2006.

Under the Pell Grant program, low-income undergraduate students are given grants to help them pay for college. A formula is used to determine how much money is available for college expenses after a family's

basic subsistence needs are met.

"The department makes allowances for federal taxes as well as state and local taxes," Sparks said.

The formula, which has been using tax data from 1988, has been updated to reflect tax data collected in 2002 that shows tax reductions in 21 states. Reduced tax burdens translate into more income available for estimated family contributions to student's education.

"It has been estimated that for states like Washington, that will see a reduction of two percent in the allowance

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Sweat your way to a healthier semester

Erin Murphy
Contributing Writer

It is winter, the season of infinite colds. If someone in your dorm gets sick, chances are that you'll also get sick. College students are more susceptible to cold viruses along with the flu virus, due to lack of sleep and poor eating habits. A good way to combat the common cold is to stay healthy. Part of staying healthy is exercising.

The gym is a great place to get in shape and relieve some stress. Some people enjoy going to the gym regardless of how many students are there. However, sometimes it can be overcrowded, and that discourages people from coming. Others have a fear of the gym: too many people watching your every move. Exercise classes offered by the RWU Rec Center might be a solution.

Some of the choices include: spinning, kickboxing, butts and guts, yoga and dance aerobics. According to information at the Rec Center, spinning is an

indoor cycling class geared toward those who have never taken part in a spinning class. The class provides a challenging, but not over-strenuous, workout. This class will challenge all participants to new heights of physical fitness. Kickboxing is a heart-pumping, forty-five minute class that incorporates kicking, punching and jump roping to give a great cardio workout. The class ends with ten minutes of toning exercises and abdominal work, a cool down and a stretching period. Abs and butts is a class that consists of strength training and toning of the mid and lower body through intervals of step aerobics, core training and floor work. Feel the burn while you practice toning and sculpting your problem areas. There are several different areas of yoga: Hatha, Rejuvenation, Power and Classical. Each provides a different workout. Schedules of these classes can be found at the campus recreation center.

I recently began going to dance aerobics. Dance aerobics is a class that is offered on Monday nights in Studio B at 6 p.m. The instructor's name is Rachel. She has taught aerobics classes before, but has not incorporated dance into the routine. The atmosphere of the class is very fun and entertaining. The class really captures your attention and time flies when you are having fun. According to Brielle Henry, sophomore, "The class is a lot of fun. The instructor is patient, kind, and so knowledgeable. She is also very helpful and makes me look forward to going to class."

You do not have to be a great dancer in order to participate in dance aerobics. The dance steps are easy enough that anyone can do them. It is a great workout. The first time I went to the class, my legs were hurting me for days. The class is really a great way not only to have fun with your friends, but also to get in shape.

Recently I also tried

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Students' tunes help academics, mood

Ellen Casady
Contributing Writer

Two white cords hang from Peter Brooks' ears; he has his notebook in one hand and his iPod in the other, strolling to his 9 a.m. class at RWU.

Just like cell phones are the personification of many students who walk across campus, now the iPod is the new device attached to every student's ears.

Brooks sits at his desk and opens his notebook, keeping his iPod on while class is in session.

"I'm a music major; it helps me concentrate when I'm taking notes. I keep one earphone in and the other one is out so I can hear what the teacher is saying," said Brooks, junior.

Many professors have rules about cell phones in the classroom, should there be rules written in the syllabus prohibiting the use of iPods in class as well?

For some, the iPod is becoming a new status symbol, distracting classroom discussions just as much as cell phones do. On the other hand, iPods are a great new technological device that allows people to have all their CDs completely stored on a player that fits into the palm

of your hand.

Some professors have noticed students sitting in the back row listening to his or her iPod during a lecture; as a result, many have gone as far as putting a disclaimer in their syllabus this semester, refusing the use of iPods during class.

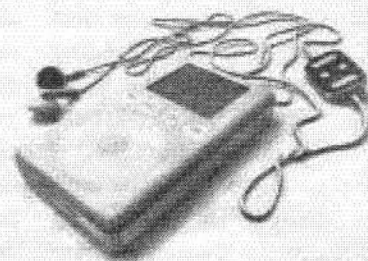
Kirsten Johnson, sophomore, said, "It seems like the people

freshman, loves her iPod. She admits that she has not seen anyone in her classes using one, but sees it more often when walking to class.

"I love my iPod because I can listen to all types of music. It's the best thing to have on long bus trips to sailing regattas," she said.

An article titled, "iPod Nation," by Newsweek's Steven Levey posted on MSNBC.com, suggests that the device has created its own culture.

"Music hits people's emotions, and the purchase of something that opens up one's entire music collection—up to 10,000 songs in your pocket—makes for an intense relationship. When people buy iPods, they often obsess, talking incessantly about playlists and segues, grumbling about glitches, fixating on battery life and panicking at the very thought of losing their new digital friend," Levey wrote.

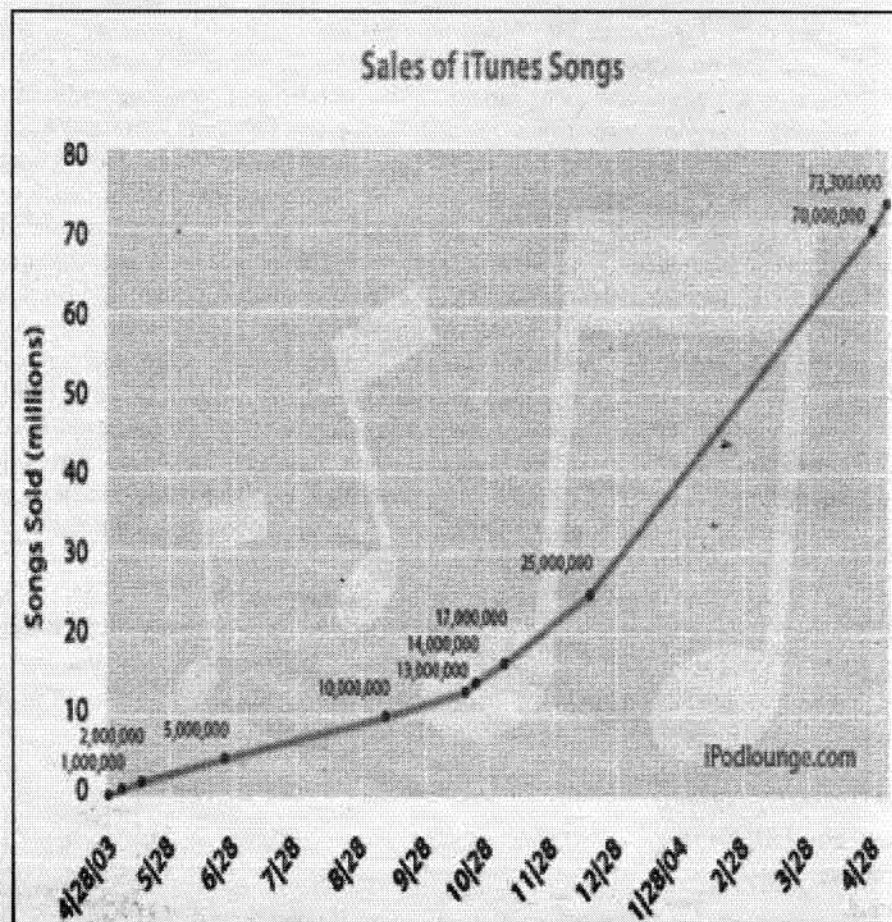
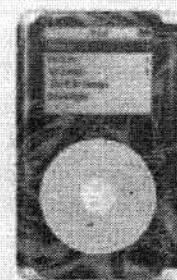


who have an iPod are a secret clique. What is so wrong with a regular CD player? I can't believe how many people have them now, they are still really expensive."

In a Nov. 12 article in *Investor's Business Daily*, Patrick Seitz reported, "Analysts expect Apple to have a strong holiday quarter. Wall Street predicts sales will rise 45 percent year over year to \$2.9 billion. Earnings per share are forecast to jump 163 percent to 42 cents."

From those statistics, this new device's popularity is going to get bigger.

Katherine Joyce,



ipodlounge.com

Housing

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claimed closed quickly at housing last year.

"What happens then is we end up filling spots in Maple [which isn't everyone's first choice]," he said.

Finally, the occupants of super-sized rooms will receive hearty financial discounts. Each resident sharing a "modified" bedroom will get a \$500 discount for the semester.

Additionally, all others sharing the apartment will receive a \$100 discount.

"Three people getting \$500 discounts... that's \$1,500. That's a good amount of money," Montefusco points out.

For Baypoint residents, any created triple will result in three extra-long twin beds, as opposed to two double-size beds. All rooms will use a loft-style arrangement, and appropriate furniture will be provided. Of course, this arrangement is just not possible in other dorms.

"We can't make a double in Bayside into a triple, and we can't make [Bay] quints to fit six people. Fire codes do prevent it, and six people sharing one bathroom in an apartment is a bit extreme," Montefusco explained.

Students who participate in super-size rooms will be signing agreements, and contracts make it clear that after the decision is made, there are to be no room changes.

DSL also wishes to remind students about certain policies and procedures during housing lottery.

There is a two-year residency requirement, and housing contracts are legally binding. If a student signs up with housing and then moves off campus, they will be billed housing charges for the academic year and not just lose the deposit.

All perspective roommates are encouraged to participate in lottery with the lowest number, and absentee students must fill out a proxy form if they cannot attend.

Lottery numbers are assigned based on credits earned, and all students, including graduating seniors, are given numbers. If two current roommates wish to keep their room (Continued Occupancy) but disagree over who should be allowed to stay, the student with the better lottery number takes priority.

Improvements have also been made in allowing underclassmen into apartment-style dorm rooms. In 2002, a reported seven percent of sophomores lived in Bayside, and in 2003, that number rose to nine percent.

"However in that year, four were RAs and there were a few [random placement] single spaces," Montefusco said.

As of fall 2004, though, only 6.3 percent of residents within Bayside, Almeida and King Philip/Oak were sophomores. This progress has made Montefusco and DSL happy.

One of the biggest myths Montefusco wants to clear up is the common freshmen fear that there will be no housing left for them.

"Despite [what freshmen think], there is guaranteed housing here," he said. "They will all get rooms; it just may not be in the unit they wanted."

Finally, seniors take note: as long as you have a zero balance with the University by the time you walk across the stage to receive your diploma in May, and there are no damages to your room, apartment or common area, you will get back the security deposit from your senior year housing. In Bayside and Almeida, this is a \$365 credit; in other residence halls, it is \$235.

Housing applications are due in the bursar's office by Wednesday, March 2, and the first wave of housing events begin Tuesday, March 15, with Continued Occupancy from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the CSD lobby (across from Cedar Hall).

Roger Williams University HALL SELECTION 2005

"There's No Place Like Home"

Housing Deposits and Applications Due
Wednesday, March 2 Bursar's Office.

Continued Occupancy—Tuesday, March 15
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Lobby of CSD.

Friends of C.O.—Tuesday, March 15
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Lobby of CSD.

Displaced Students—Wednesday, March 16
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby of CSD.

If your room or unit is being converted to a different occupancy or living area, then you are considered a Displaced Student.

Single Room/Private Bedroom Notification—Friday, March 18
Noon - 5:00 p.m. in Lobby of CSD

If you checked off on your application that you wanted a single room, you **MUST** stop by the Center for Student Development during this time to see if there is a single/private bedroom available. If there is a single room available for you, you will be expected to show up at a specified time on Monday, March 21, for Single Room/Private Bedroom Lottery.

Preview—Tuesday, March 22
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby of CSD.

During this time, students will be able to come in and view which rooms are still available in a certain hall or area.

LOTTERY—Wednesday, March 23
Recreation Center - Field House 3:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Before you can participate in the Hall Selection process, you must do two things:

1. Pay a \$350 Housing Deposit to the Bursar's Office by Wednesday, March 2. Payment must be made in person and accompanied by a housing application.
2. Must be financially cleared by March 2.

To better assist you, visit the Hall Selection Web site at: www.rwu.edu/camplife

If you have any additional questions, please contact your RA, CORE or the Department of Student Life.

Please remember to choose your roommates wisely. Pick people that you are compatible with. Do not pick to live with someone just because they may have a better lottery number than you. Please note that we anticipate that there may be a shortage of quint apartments/private bedrooms available—please plan accordingly and, as always, have some other options in mind. Residents who do not select a room during hall selection, March 15 - March 23, 2005, will be placed on a wait list and assigned to any remaining spaces, including temporary assignments, after all new student have been placed.

WQRI

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of DJ slots and committee work. Any student can apply by stopping by the offices in the Rec Center and signing up for a committee or for the Street Team.

"We have a very small DJ population this semester because we require one semester of committee work," said Program Director Scholten. "After students finish the committee work they can get

we are the vantage point of the Recreation Center; it has definitely helped students find out about the station."

With the station moved into its new facilities, it is now able to focus on promotions and reaching out to listeners rather than worrying about technical issues. The E-Board team has been focusing on a new idea of underwriting. Underwriting will be the process of recognizing community business names on air and mak-

tion is unable to sell advertising directly from Bristol businesses. The funding brought in is granted by the Senate and not through advertising for such companies, which sets it aside from regular commercial radio.

"We are not playing the same five songs over and over again like major stations are," said Promotions Director Harris. "If you request a song, major commercial stations might not play it because they have a set

upcoming years, including acquiring an AP Press Source Satellite, and planning to install new speakers in the new Student Union, expected to be completed in 2006.

The AP News Satellite, which has been suggested by Scholten, will essentially grant DJs the ability to provide world and local news straight from a computer-accessible program in the radio broadcast booth.

Currently, Brown University in

tion's listeners, and help to move WQRI into the higher ranking radio stations of the area.

"I can't just say 'Let's put the satellite here,'" says Scholten. "I'd have to essentially get permission first and then from there the station would need to get the proper funding, which means going to the Senate and asking for the money."

As far as the speakers in the new RWU Student Union, they will be set up in the building allowing students to listen to

Student Union cafeteria; the main goal is that we're going to be heard."

The entire E-Board has been working full force this year to push promotions for WQRI, and next semester expects to have a much larger demographic throughout the community of Rhode Island, while trying to appeal to all different listeners.

"I think WQRI is one of the University's best assets," said Scholten. "Not only is it student-

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their own DJ show. Basically what students can do is sign up for a committee, there is a sign up sheet on the door to the radio booth."

The WQRI radio station booth is a new addition since last year's hole-in-the-wall underneath the Student Union. It is now located in the Rec Center to the left of Jazzman's Café. The "extravagant booth features offices for student staff members, and a large glass window that looks out into the Rec Center, allowing interaction with fellow students.

"There was a point when we were down in the dungeon of the Student Union, but now it's so nice, and its state-of-the-art. We can really learn a lot more from the benefits of the new station," said Dabrowski.

"We moved in here mid-semester last year," agreed Scholten, "and it is so much better. Now

ing the public aware of their operations without advertising for them. In return, the radio station brings in revenues that benefit their needs for promoting and connecting with the community.

Dabrowski worked hard this past semester to make sure that underwriting becomes part of the daily DJ readings during on-air time. "This semester I created the underwriting program, which is new to us," said Dabrowski. "I worked on it and finished it in October and gave it to my advisor who handed it to the University's lawyer. Basically what it would do is let us go out into the community of Bristol to businesses, like Papa Joe's Wrap Shack, and establish an underwriting deal to incorporate us with those businesses."

Because WQRI is not a commercial radio station (being student-run and operated), the sta-

program, whereas we have more freedom to play what we want."

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But students won't be the only ones who can get involved with the station next semester and get their voices heard. Faculty members will be granted a predetermined time slot during the regular week to voice their opinions, play music or do a special topics show, says Scholten. The station has aspirations to keep a steady flow of faculty members participating in this new program throughout the upcoming semester.

There are also future projects that the E-Board staff has been working on to bring a more productive and recognizable station to RWU students in the

Providence has the benefit of such a source, which has ranked them as the number one news radio station in the Rhode Island college division. With the access of the AP Satellite, Brown broadcasts eight short newscasts and two weekend magazines. If RWU were to have the ability to obtain such a program, it would greatly increase the range and information for the sta-

the college station while eating lunch, or just hanging around in the lounge or lobby. Dabrowski has been working with this issue all semester.

"We wanted to put the speakers in the current Student Union," stated Dabrowski, "but I thought it would be a waste of money since the new building will be built. We want to put the speakers in the new

run, but it gives anybody [the opportunity to] speak their mind to thousands of people. The station has so much potential, it's solid. To be able to have these responsibilities at age of 20, it says a lot. How many stations are student-run and get to play whatever they want?"

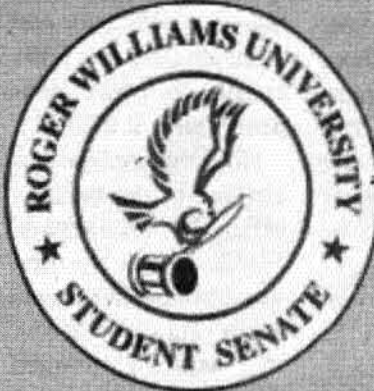


Allison Deyo

WQRI DJs have a great view. Their booth looks out into the foyer of the Campus Rec Center.

Student Senate

Meetings are held every Monday at 6:30 pm in the
Student Senate Chambers
(Located on the second floor of the Recreation Center).



We Govern Your Body

Aerobics

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body sculpting. This class is an intense, total body workout. The routine starts with leg exercises, then moves to arm exercises, abdominal exercises, butt exercises and finally back exercises. Throughout the class, participants use weights, elastics and their own bodies to facilitate in the

sculpting of the body. This class is also taught by Rachel and is held on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in studio B. I highly recommend this class.

When asked how many students generally attend the classes, Rachel said, "The night exercise classes generally get approximately 10 to 20 students. The exercise classes held during the day usually see any-

where from five to 10 students because students are in classes during the day and are extremely busy."

Detailed schedules and information sheets about the classes are available at the information desk. These classes are free to the RWU student body (RWU ID required) and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Valentine's Day leaves students in the dark

Blaine Moffa
Editor

Bethany Carey, a fourth-year architecture student, was sitting quietly in the computer lab on the evening of Feb. 14 when the room suddenly went dark.

At the same moment, Mark Grochmal, junior, was watching TV in the living room of his Oak apartment when the power went out.

Despite rampant rumors that circulated through campus that night, only two were truthful about the blackout: a downed wire on Metacom Avenue was the culprit for RWU losing power for nearly two hours, and a gas leak within the Recreation Center caused a temporary evacuation.

According to Bristol Fire Chief James Annis, rumors that a transformer blew up behind Bayside Courts, and that there was a fire at King Philip, were simply not true.

"What happened behind King Philip was that when the power went out, the diesel generator started up and emitted a puff of smoke, which is completely natural. It's like an exhaust system, but kids thought there was a fire," he said.

Chief Annis did confirm that the downed wire on Metacom Avenue was tended to by Narragansett Electric, and the gas company was called into the Rec Center.

Still, the night provided both fun and frustration for RWU students.

"I did lose some work," Carey said. "There were emergency lights on [in studio] so people could see, but most people left because we figured the power would be off for a long time."

Tidewater RA Alexis Haddad was visiting friends in Whitecap when the power blew.

"I ran back to my quad to get flashlights, check on my roommate and my residents," she said. "I know other RAs that went door-to-door to check up on people, but my residents are social and were hanging out windows so I knew they were okay."

Rumors started flying around campus almost immediately, beginning with students claiming they saw blue or green flashes from the water. Then they claimed there were multiple fires along Route 136.

"We never found out exactly what happened,"

Haddad said. "I know the wind was a factor that night."

"Me and Shawn [my roommate] drove around to see if we could find anything," Grochmal said. "We tried going to campus but a fire truck had the entrance blocked."

Students tended to gather in social circles, using whatever sources they could for light and entertainment.

"Everyone was outside their rooms with cell phones for lights, and then a couple kids started to light the grill that we have out here," said Grochmal.

Other students considered "binge eating" so their food wouldn't spoil, and some took walks around the eerily darkened campus.

Power was restored to Oak and parts of Almeida within 45 minutes, and the rest of campus was relieved about two hours after it initially went dead.

"I wasn't worried about food spoiling or school being cancelled," said Haddad. "But the entire time I ran around to talk to other RAs and students. I couldn't sit down, I was too excited!"



ASK MEG & ASH

Meg and Ash,

I recently went to the mall with one of my new girlfriends. While we were in one of the department stores I noticed the girl sticking stuff in her purse. I got really nervous so I didn't say anything, but she did it in almost every store! I just kept pretending not to see. After we left the mall she started bragging about how much she had taken, she walked out with over \$500 worth of merchandise. She's a cool girl but I can't risk getting caught. What should I do?

Scared of Stealing

Scared

Well to be honest, you're very, very lucky that your friend did not get caught, because if she had you would have been in trouble, too. We recommend never going to the mall again with this girl unless you talk to her about her problem. If she doesn't want to stop for herself, you can at least ask her to not engage in such behavior while you're around. It sounds like this girl has had this problem for a while if she's skillfully walking out of the mall with over \$500 worth of merchandise. Confront her about it and see what her excuse is. Does she come from a family that struggles with money? It's no excuse, but it might provide an explanation for her actions. If you truly care, talk to her about it, because if she does get caught the punishment won't be worth it. Regardless of what she says, make sure to not be around her when she acts like this. And watch out, because if she's willing to steal while you're around, you never know what else she may do when you're not looking.

Meg and Ash,

I'm confused... I've been with my girlfriend for one year now. I had never been happier until recently. Her old male friend from high school came up (to protect myself and those involved we'll call him John). We picked him up in Providence and ate dinner. For having never met him before, we bonded quite quickly, joking and acting as if we were old friends. We later went back to a party and started drinking. The night progressed, the party began to die down, and John and I were as friendly as ever. When we walked my girlfriend home, her roommate was belligerent and wouldn't let John stay in the room. So, I simply offered that he could stay in my room, since I had an extra bed because my roommate went away. The rest of the night was both confusing and exhilarating. Yet the next morning, neither of us mentioned it and I have seen him since. I don't think I'm gay but ever since I've been having many of the same feelings I had that night. What should I do? Should I tell my girlfriend?

Confused in Willow

Confused in Willow

It's totally OK to be confused regarding your sexuality. You are in college, the world of new experiences. Are you attracted to your girlfriend and other girls, or are you only attracted to men? If you are attracted to both you are probably bi-sexual. We recommend you read up on bi-sexuality by logging on to the Internet or buying a book or two. See if bi-sexuality describes you. Maybe you could join the gay/straight alliance on campus to help you recognize your true colors.

Technically, you have cheated on your girlfriend and you need to talk to her about it. It's not going to be easy, but she deserves to know the truth. Expect a lot of confusion, anger, and tears. The results of this talk depend on you and your girlfriend. Maybe you will continue to date or maybe you will decide to just be friends. Maybe she will need time and space to figure it all out. It is also possible that she won't want to speak to you for quite some time. Just be prepared for whatever is thrown at you. You have to understand where she's coming from and how this will make her all feel. Regardless, we wish you all the best.

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Pell

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for state and local taxes, the reduction in Pell Grants for students will be between two percent and three percent of the current Pell funding," Sparks said.

That translates to an estimated reduction in Pell Grant funding for WSU students between \$270,000 and \$400,000, he said.

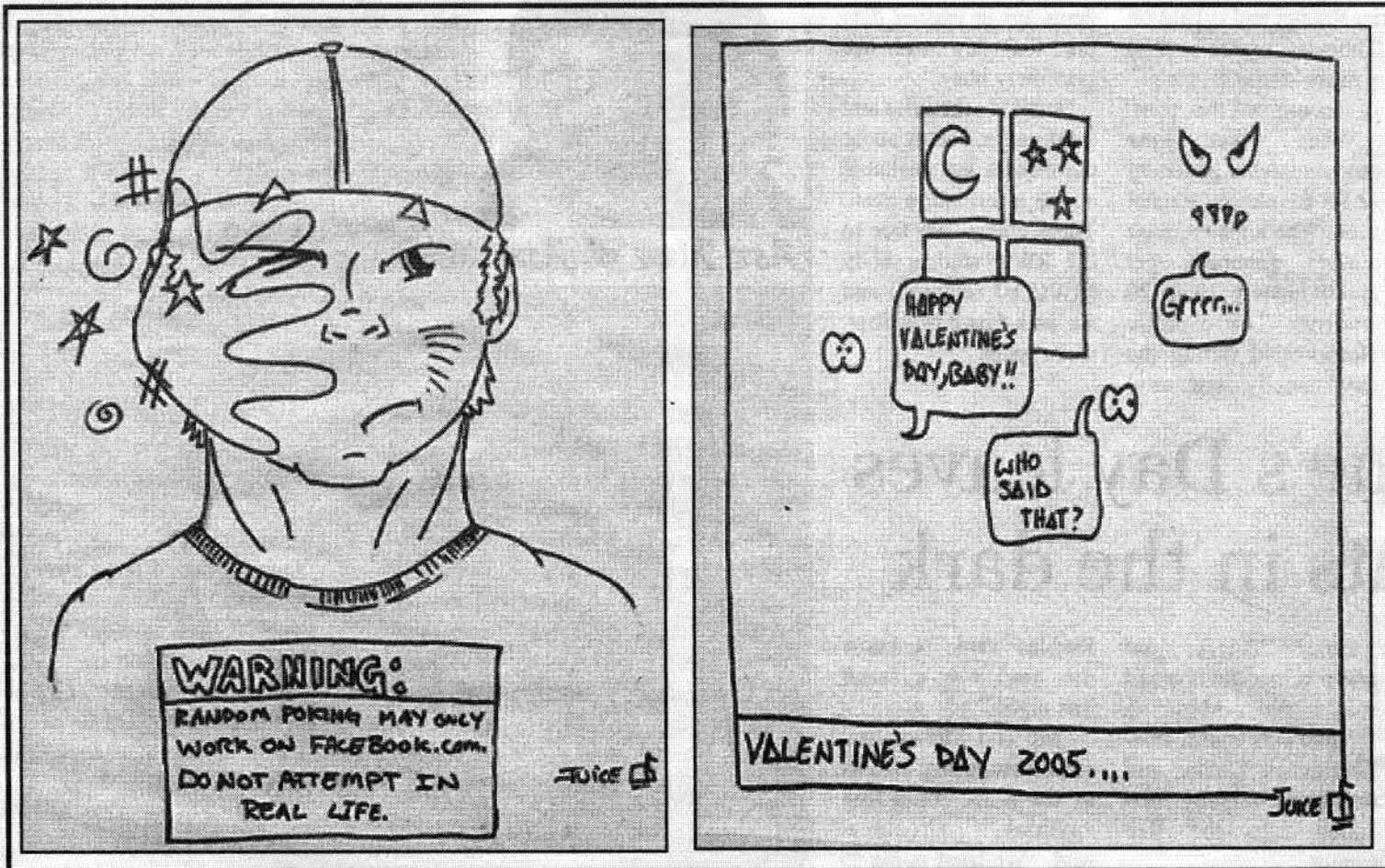
The large impact of

these changes can be blamed on the long length of time since the tax tables were last updated. More timely updates in the future will result in greater accuracy of current state tax policy, the American Council on Education said. The changes will help to cut back the growing deficit in Pell Grant funding, which now totals about \$4 billion, and allow an increase in funding for

other awards.

"President Bush has proposed increasing the Pell Grant maximum award by \$100 each year for the next five years," Sparks said. "Obviously, this is good news."

Students seeking federal grants and other types of financial aid for the 2005-2006 school year should file a Free Application For Federal Student Aid by March 1.



Sports, My Way

Christopher Parish
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday, the NHL cancelled its season—but not before days of speculation.

The highly-touted news conference, at 1 p.m., just happened to fall between my only two classes of the day.

Luckily, I got out early and headed to the nearest TV set, the snack bar. The channel had been set to E! but nobody around was watching, so I reached up to change it.

"Hey, what are you doing?" called a rather rude dining services worker, who shall remain nameless.

"I'm sorry, I didn't know anyone was watching..." I started to apologize.

"What do you NEED to watch?" she growled. (Incidentally, I really enjoy taking my daily beating from the snack bar crew.)

"There's a very important press conference on ESPN, and..." I realized this was a lost cause. I froze like a deer in the headlights.

"Well it'll have to wait. I'm on my break," she snarled.

She snarled at me! Bared her teeth and everything.

I decided to apologize again, forgo the rant about my \$30,000 a year not being able to buy me privileges for a TV (which is apparently the property of the workers and not for the convenience of the students), and slink away in shame.

But that's not the point. I'm still bitter about this.

Would the soccer or basketball or cross-country teams ever hold out? In fact... I think we might.

Our collective bargaining agreement has run out. We'll be requesting new uniforms, a more competitive conference, a coach bus to every meet and better lunches.

I'll send the letter out to Mr. Kolb tomorrow.

As soon as he stops laughing, I'm sure there will be productive discussion.

RWU Hawks defeat NEC Pilgrims in overtime, 70-63

Timothy Mannion
Sports Editor

Exceptional team play helped the RWU men's basketball team take down the New England College Pilgrims in the opening round of the CCC tournament in overtime, 70-63.

While The Hawks are the top seed in their division and winner of six of their last seven games, they got all they could handle from the Pilgrims during the early minutes of the game, as the physical play was demanding on both ends of the court.

So demanding, in fact, that RWU head coach Mike Tully went to his bench for fresh bodies. Guard Ryan Keaton, junior, came into the game and was instant offensive relief, driving to the lane and laying up a quick four points to keep the Hawks netted up at 16 apiece.

Forward Brandon Parrish, sophomore, was terrific at streaking down the floor and looking for transition baskets whenever a rebound was kicked out to him. Forward Andrew Viana, junior, also had a tremendous night off the bench, pulling down 12 rebounds—most of them leading to transition bas-

kets late in the first half. Heading into the half the Hawks trailed 25-24.

The second half rolled around and co-captain Chris Cormier decided to take the Pilgrims to dinner. Cormier was the sparkplug RWU needed to get a little electricity flowing into its game. Playing tight defense, the Hawks used Cormier and Parrish's athletic

skills to fly past the Pilgrim defenders on their way to easy buckets. RWU took the lead 47-37 with just six minutes left.

But the Pilgrims played the bend-don't-break game. They toughened up and just wouldn't go away, bringing it back to a two point game—54-52.

With just under 35

seconds left, NEC went to their big man Kingsley Onyechi, who had repeatedly dunked on the Hawk defenders throughout the game. With just 8.4 seconds left on the clock, Onyechi scored a left hook shot, which tied the game.

The Hawks ran one more play, but Cormier's jumper for the win hit

the front rim.

In overtime, senior leadership proved worthy as Brian Scharrenweber knocked down consecutive jumpers to put RWU ahead for good. The Pilgrims fought until the buzzer, but their efforts fell short.

The Hawks will continue their season when they move ahead to the semifinals.



Chris Cormier (above) attempts a three-point shot. The RWU men's basketball team defeated New England College in overtime to move onto the second round of the CCC tournament.

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